

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:
Jin Woong KIM et al.

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Art Unit: 1792

For: STEAM JET DRUM WASHING MACHINE

Examiner: J. M. Heckert

**STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW IN
ACCORDANCE WITH MPEP §713.04**

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants submit herewith a statement on the substance of the personal interview held on September 10, 2008. This statement was also set forth in the Amendment dated September 18, 2008.¹

During the interview, Applicants' representative discussed the rejection of independent claims 1 and 19 over the prior art. In particular, Applicants' representative argued that the purpose of supplying steam in the two references, Sulzmann and Nakamura, were completely different. Sulzmann provides steam to the bottom of the washing machine to heat wash water to a desired temperature. Nakamura, on the other hand, applies steam to laundry to pre-treat stains. Furthermore, the laundry being treated by steam in Nakamura is held between the lid and the cabinet while the steam is applied. Because of these reasons, one of ordinary skill in the art would have not looked to modify Sulzmann based on the teachings of Nakamura.

¹ The Amendment incorrectly indicated that the interview was conducted on September 2, 2008.

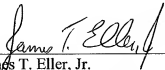
In addition, Applicants' representative discussed clarifying the location of the steam generator and the direction that the steam is delivered into at least one of the tub and the drum. The Examiner agreed that amending the independent claims 1 and 19 to require that the steam generator be located between the tub and the casing, and that the steam tube having one end in communication with the storing space and the other end in communication with the inside of at least one of the tub and the drum for downwardly supplying the steam toward a center of at least one of the tub and the drum would overcome the present rejection.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1. 17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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Respectfully submitted,

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